

Torrance, California  
May 6, 1958

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular session at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, May 6, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:  
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Lt. Friberg of the Torrance Police Department led the salute to our Flag.

The meeting was opened with an invocation led by the Reverend Hugh Percy.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the Minutes of the April 29, 1958, meeting of the Council as written.  
Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Mrs. Peter Boonstra presented to the Council a Certificate of Award from the California Garden Clubs, Inc., for the Civic Beautification Program during "Plant a Tree Week".  
Mayor Isen thanked Mrs. Boonstra for this Award.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the opening of Bids on Sporting Goods.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Bidders.

Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Jahn moved that where a total bid figure was given, it be read, and that where no total was given, the bids be written into the Minutes as if it had been read in full.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

City Manager Stevens opened, and City Clerk Bartlett read, the bids listed here:

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>TOTAL BID:</u>
Torrance Cycle & Sports Shop 1421 Marcelina Avenue Torrance, California.	\$2,831.25

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>ITEM &amp; UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL:</u>
L. A. Athletic Supply Co. 4273 Crenshaw Blvd. Los Angeles 8, Calif.	24 Basketballs @ \$6.45	\$ 154.80
	18 Footballs @ \$6.30	113.40
	6 Footballs @ \$6.45	38.70
	24 Footballs @ \$5.50	132.00
	12 Volleyballs @ \$6.45	77.40
	12 Volleyballs @ \$7.32	87.84
	3 Basketballs @ \$15.65	46.95
	108 Softballs @ \$1.10	118.80
	144 Softballs @ \$1.10	158.40
	60 Softballs @ \$23.33 dz.	116.65
	36 Baseball Bats @ \$2.80	33.60

BIDDER:ITEM & UNIT PRICE:TOTAL:

144 Little League Bats @\$2.05	\$295.20
48 Baseballs @\$22.10 dz.	88.40
240 Baseballs @\$11.80 dz.	236.00
1 Set Bases @ \$57.00	57.00
15 Sets Horseshoes	NO BID
6 Deck Tennis Ring	NO BID
4 Water Polo Balls @\$6.95	27.80
6 Repair Kits	NO BID
6 Marking Pen Sets	NO BID
120 Indoor Shuttlecocks @\$3.40 dz.	34.00
2 Cageballs	NO BID
12 Badminton Rackets @\$7.10	85.20
24 Whistles @\$2.04	4.80
24 Hand inflators	NO BID
120 plastic Shuttlecocks @95¢ dz.	9.50
12 Tetherballs @\$5.70	68.40
3 Home Plates @\$13.90	41.70
3 Pitchers Boxes @\$8.60	25.80
24 Pr. Basketball Goal Nets @\$1.90 per pair	45.60
4 Chest Protectors	NO BID
4 Wire Softball Masks @\$3.05	12.20
24 Utility Balls @\$3.50	84.00
36 Utility Balls @\$1.65	59.40
72 Softball Bats @\$1.82	131.04
24 Base Tie-down Straps	NO BID

United Sporting Goods (Only those items bid on are  
901 So. Hill St. listed here)  
Los Angeles 15, Calif.

12 Volleyballs @\$8.58	\$ 102.96
3 Basketballs @\$16.39	49.17
108 Softballs @\$1.85	199.80
60 Softballs @\$2.00	120.00
36 Baseball Bats @\$2.50	90.00
144 Little League Bats @\$2.00	288.00
120 Indoor Shuttlecocks @.29 ea.	34.80
12 Badminton Rackets @\$4.10	49.20
24 Whistles @.20 ea.	4.80
24 Hand Inflators @ .75 ea.	18.00
120 Shuttlecocks @.14 ea.	16.80
3 Home Plates @12.95	38.85
3 Pitchers Boxes @\$8.05	24.15
24 Pr. Basketball Goal Nets @ 2.25	54.00
4 Chest Protectors @\$7.95	31.80
4 Softball Masks @2.75	11.00
72 Softball Bats @2.00	144.00

Maywood Sports Center (Only those items bid on  
6026 Atlantic Blvd. are listed here)  
Maywood, Calif.

12 Volleyballs @8.75	\$ 105.00
3 Basketballs @\$16.75	50.25
108 Softballs @1.85	199.80
144 Softballs	No Bid
60 Softballs @\$1.90	114.00
36 Baseball Bats @\$2.75	99.00
144 Little League Bats @2.25	324.00
48 Baseballs @ \$1.50	72.00
240 Baseballs @ \$1.35	324.00
1 Set Bases @\$42.95	42.95
15 Sets Horseshoes @\$3.40	51.00
6 Deck Tennis Rings @.88	5.28

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>ITEM &amp; UNIT PRICE:</u>	<u>TOTAL:</u>
	6 Repair Kits @\$7.75	\$ 46.50
	6 Marking Pen Sets @\$2.15	12.90
	120 Shuttlecocks @ .35 ea.	42.00
	2 Cageballs @ \$16.95	33.90
	12 Badminton Rackets @ \$8.95	107.40
	24 Whistles @ .14 ea.	3.36
	24 Hand Inflators @ .80 ea.	19.20
	120 Indoor Plastic Shuttlecocks @ .11 ea.	13.20
	12 Tetherballs @ \$ 7.50	90.00
	3 Home Plates @ \$13.15	39.45
	3 Pitchers Boxes @ \$8.25	24.75
	24 Pr. Basketball Goal Nets @ \$2.40 Pr.	57.60
	4 Chest Protectors @ \$6.95	27.80
	4 Softball Masks @ \$2.80	11.20

Hammatt & Sons  
P. O. Box 2004  
Anaheim 5, Calif.

(Only those items bid on  
are listed here)

24 Basketballs @ \$6.45	154.80
18 Footballs @\$6.30	113.40
6 Footballs @ \$6.55	39.30
24 Footballs @ \$5.55	133.20
108 Softballs @ \$1.10	118.80
144 Softballs @ \$1.10	158.40
1 Set Bases @ \$57.00	57.00
4 Water Polo Balls @ \$6.95	27.80
120 Indoor Shuttlecocks @ \$3.40 dz.	408.00
24 Whistles @ .15 ea.	3.60
120 Indoor Shuttlecocks @ .95 dz.	114.00
12 Tetherballs @ \$5.75	69.00
24 Utility Balls @ \$3.50	84.00
36 Utility Balls @ \$1.65	59.40
24 Base Tie down straps @ .75	18.00

A Bid from the Easterday Supply Co. was presented and opened, but the bids contained were not on sporting goods, and the City Manager was directed to seal the envelope and present the bid at the proper time.

Councilman Benstead moved that all bids for sporting goods be referred to the Recreation Director for analysis and recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

2. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for opening Bids on Mobile Aerial Tower.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Bidders.

Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

City Manager Stevens opened, and City Clerk Bartlett read, the bids summarized here:

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL:</u>
American Equip. & Body Co. 1461 E. Washington Blvd. Los Angeles, California.	2 only Plus sales tax	\$8062.50 310.50

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>ITEM NO.:</u>	<u>TOTAL:</u>
International Harvester Co. 537 W. Anaheim Long Beach 13, Calif.		NO BID
Vel's Ford Sales Co. 1420 Cabrillo Torrance, Calif.	#1 only Plus sales tax	\$2964.77 118.59
Harron, Rickard & McCone Co. 13770 East Firestone Blvd. Norwalk, California.	#2 only Plus sales tax	\$7665.00 306.60
Moore's Time Saving Equip., Inc. 1934 Sterling Ave. Elkhart, Indiana	#1 (in conjunction w/ #2 only) #2	\$2950.00 \$7900.00

Councilman Benstead moved to refer these bids to the City Manager for his study and recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

3. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for opening Bids on 1½-ton, 15,000 GVW 8-cyl., 4-speed truck.

City Manager Stevens opened, and City Clerk Bartlett read, the one bid shown here, the only bid presented:

Paul's Chevrolet, Inc. 1640 Cabrillo Avenue Torrance, California.	Plus sales tax	\$3294.07 131.76
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Councilman Benstead moved to refer this to the City Manager for study and recommendation.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

At this time, the Council requested Mr. Duane Wheeler to resume his conversation with them concerning his charges to the City for the recent election and his services connected with it.

Mr. Wheeler explained to the Council that the charge of \$1000 for his services which they had questioned was not intended as a charge, but as a joke of sorts. He explained further that they must rent trucks and contract for the drivers and helpers on the trucks to deliver and install election material. He said other cities have tried doing this with street department trucks or police cars and it has not been successful for them. He said he had thought that the bill for his services went to the City Manager, who would question the \$1000 charge mentioned and then he would have deleted it. He explained that because of the bond issue which went on the ballot quite late, he had been instructed to hold up the printing of the sample ballots so that if arguments were to be prepared at the time, it could all be done at one time. He said he had picked up the registration affidavits when he could, which was only 6 days before the election. He explained the many services they had rendered the City, among which were delivery of election supplies, installation of voting booths, procurement of election officers, etc.

Mayor Isen pointed out that the itemized bill Mr. Wheeler had submitted showed a charge of \$184.00 for each of the following: printed outgoing envelopes, printed identification envelopes, printed return envelopes, and instruction sheets for absent voter and special instructions. This sort of thing should be the same in each City, and the Mayor felt the charges to be very high.

Councilman Beasley felt it to be the City Clerk's responsibility to make arrangements for polling places.

Mr. Wheeler told the Mayor he thought the \$184 figures were typographical errors.

Mayor Isen said he had received complaints about the flags which were furnished to the polling places, and asked why the charge for them was so high.

Mr. Wheeler said all but one of the flags furnished were 2' x 3', and that the flags are the City's property. He said the City bought them, and that his company has written a letter to the City to tell us that they do have the flags, and asking what disposition we would like to make of them.

Councilman Jahn asked if it was our fault that some of the double time had to be paid, and Mr. Wheeler said it was. He thought the City Attorney would verify this.

The City Attorney said he recalled that he had ordered some of the delay in connection with the bond issue on the ballot, but he did not know how much.

Mr. Wheeler said he felt that the delay in printing of the sample ballots had been ordered by the City Attorney and O'Melveny & Meyers. He had been told to hold up the ballots until a certain date, so that if arguments on the issue were to be printed it could all be done at one time. He said there was no double time on the stuffing of these items, only on the printing.

Councilman Jahn said he wanted to know directly from the City Attorney how this was set out, whose responsibility it is to carry out the City elections, and by whom it should be done. He wants this information in writing.

Councilman Bradford felt that the City had been very lax in this entire matter. If the City Attorney had told Mr. Wheeler to work double time, the City Attorney must have a copy of such a memorandum in his files, and Councilman Bradford wanted to see a copy of that. He said he would expect that all such orders would be written out.

Councilman Blount said Mr. Wheeler had admitted that there are flaws in the invoice submitted here. He wanted to know when we could have a corrected copy.

Mr. Wheeler said we could have it tomorrow.

Councilman Blount felt the whole thing was faulty.

Mr. Wheeler explained that this checks, based upon what has been done in the past, and in comparison with the charges for the 75 precincts in the October Special Election.

Councilman Benstead asked why we had bought flags, and what had become of the flags we had two years ago.

Mr. Wheeler disclaimed any knowledge of that.

Councilman Drale felt the responsibility was with the City Council, and that they were responsible for elections, and that if not, the Council would rely on the City Clerk. He did not feel there is much choice in the matter, as he knew of no one else who does this work in the area, and that we must retain Mr. Wheeler. He pointed out that we had 152 precincts, and that he believed some of the work had been done by the City in the past. He thought in the future we should have some of this done by our local people. He said the bid to the City was \$32,528.36.

Mr. Wheeler said that should have been the billing figure.

Councilman Jahn asked if the Council could have a corrected itemized statement for their consideration.

Mr. Wheeler said one would be furnished, and that with regard to the figures mentioned by the Mayor he believed there was a \$100 typographical error in each case.

Mayor Isen disagreed with Councilman Drale, saying according to his interpretation and memory of this, as to the responsibility for elections, the matter of hiring Mr. Wheeler or approval of this bid had never come to the Council.

Under the circumstances, Mayor Isen felt all Mr. Wheeler could expect us to pay was a reasonable value; if the figure had come before the Council, it would have been discussed then. Mayor Isen believed no one else really had the power to hire Mr. Wheeler.

Mr. Wheeler said it would be impossible for anyone to come to the Council 30 days prior to an election and say what it would cost to hold that election.

Mayor Isen felt it would be cheaper to consolidate the precincts.

Mr. Wheeler agreed; he said this causes complaints from the voters, however, although it is legal. He stated he had said that his price would run about \$200 per precinct.

Councilman Jahn referred to his request for a letter from the City Attorney concerning all this matter, and asked that all the members of the Council get copies of the letter.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney whose responsibility the elections are.

The City Attorney thought this might be the ultimate responsibility of the Council, but said it has been handled by the City Clerk in the past. In the absence of a statement in the Charter, he felt this may devolve upon the Council.

Mayor Isen recalled that last week the City Attorney had said the Charter, by reference, placed this with the City Clerk.

Councilman Blount asked if this had not come up about 6 years ago, and if the City Attorney in office at that time had not said it was the responsibility of the City Clerk to hold elections; he referred the question to Councilmen Benstead and Drale, who had been serving with him on this Council at that time.

Councilman Benstead agreed with Councilman Blount on this.

Councilman Blount said he would check the record for the verification of this point. He said he felt the Council might be avoiding responsibility. He believed that if the City Clerk, the City Manager, and the Assistant City Manager met with Mr. Wheeler and agreed to his services during the election, their action bound the City. He pointed out that they buy equipment for the City in large amounts, and that their action must be considered as binding. Nonetheless, he asked that Mr. Wheeler correct his charges. He said he would like to know once and for all who is responsible for conducting elections in the City.

Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to explore this carefully.

Mayor Isen thought Mr. Wheeler had a monopoly on the work of handling elections in this area.

Mr. Wheeler said he did not, that there is a firm in San Francisco doing this same work.

Mayor Isen believed the time had come when we should have an employee to be groomed for this work, because it would save us a great deal of money.

Councilman Bradford said he believed the bill to be binding. It is too late to do anything about it now, he said, but he would request that the City Attorney check the overtime carefully.

Mayor Isen wanted to know if the City was bound by the verbal agreement to use Mr. Wheeler.

Mr. Wheeler said Section 9850 of the Election Code is very clear in stating where election responsibility lies.

Councilman Jahn believed Mr. Wheeler knew the Council would not have such a flexible method in the future. He felt that in the future, Mr. Wheeler would want more than oral agreement for overtime authorization.

Councilman Jahn moved we pay the balance of the \$32,528.36 shown on the March 27, 1958 invoice from Mr. Wheeler for the April 8, 1958 election.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Beasley believed we should have a corrected billing before this is paid.

Councilman Beasley moved to table the motion to pay the balance until the corrected billing is received.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN; Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Motion to pay the balance of the \$32,528.36 carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen stated he had not changed his opinion that the bill was too high, and he wants a corrected billing and the information as to where the responsibility for conducting municipal elections here lies. He felt the Council should have been consulted about the use of Mr. Wheeler's services for this election, and said it was not.

Mr. Wheeler pointed out that the City of Los Angeles has a special department for elections, as does the County. He said the work of conducting elections is very complicated and many things can go wrong. He stated he had been in business in Southern California for 32 years and this was the first time he had been questioned on an invoice for services.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, signed by John G. L. Crain, President, and dated April 18, 1958, asked that the Budget Hearings be scheduled for night meetings, and that a copy of the budget be furnished that organization.

Councilman Drale said that those meetings are always held at night.

Councilman Blount agreed.

Councilman Jahn said if this letter referred to the pre-budget sessions held with administrative officials of the City, he would be against it.

Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

2. An open letter from the Committee for Decent Magazines, Movies, and Publications, signed by Mrs. Francis Stoeckle, Temporary Chairman, clarified the purpose of the Committee. Copies of the letter had been sent to the Torrance Herald, Torrance Press and the South Bay Daily Breeze.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed.

3. A March 28, 1958, letter from the Chamber of Commerce, signed by O. R. Trueblood, President, thanked the Council for their letter of March 20, 1958, and the enclosed certified copy of Resolution No. 3431, which calls upon industry and business in Torrance to adopt the policy of preference of Torrance residents for jobs opening in Torrance. Their Board of Directors discussed the Resolution, and voted to cooperate with the Council on this.

Mayor Isen asked the City Clerk when he had received the letter.

The City Clerk did not remember when the letter had been received, but said it had been mislaid.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered the letter filed as a matter of record.

Mayor Isen requested the City Clerk for more cooperation on these written communications in the future.

City Clerk Bartlett replied that his office was very short of help, and at present they are doing the best they can.

4. An April 30, 1958, letter from the League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division, signed by C. H. Peckenpaugh, President, requested the City to notify them as soon as possible on a form they furnished with the letter of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Director and Alternate from our City.

Mayor Isen said he had been serving as the Director from Torrance and Councilman Jahn had been serving as the Alternate from our City. For a long time, the meetings of this group had been held in Pasadena, but by their combined efforts these had now been changed to a Washington Blvd. location, which is more convenient for most members.

Councilman Jahn moved Mayor Isen be re-appointed as the Director of the League from our City.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen requested that Councilman Jahn continue to serve as the Alternate Director of the League, and so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

5. An April 30, 1958, letter from 2749 Portobello Drive, signed by Messrs. and Mesdames Wade Johnson and Conrad R. Berwanger, reported to the Council a serious erosion problem affecting their homes.

A note appended to the letter informed the Council that this had been referred to the Public Works Dept. and the Engineering Dept. for investigation and report.

Director of Public Works John V. Russell reported his department had been working on this for some time, and are trying to get in touch with Frederick Converse, Inc., the soil engineers who had made the necessary tests in that area before the houses were built. He reiterated the fact that the condition does not in any way parallel that in Portuguese Bend. He said a solution will be found very shortly.

City Engineer Bishop said this morning had been in touch with Mr. Bob Davis of Frederick Converse, Inc., and he would have a report for the City Council from them, and will be able to submit a written report at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Isen requested that the reports on this matter be compiled into one report and copies be sent to the interested parties.

Councilman Jahn asked if Frederick Converse was the original soil engineer, and City Engineer Bishop said that company was.

Councilman Jahn asked if this meant our Engineering Dept. had accepted their report and made no inspection, and that it became the responsibility of Frederick Converse, Inc.

Mr. Bishop said that was right.

Councilman Jahn asked if a satisfactory report from them was a condition of approval of the tract.

City Engineer Bishop said it had been required that the subdivider and his engineers furnish such certification from qualified soil engineers.

Under those circumstances, Councilman Jahn believed that if the firm of Frederick Converse, Inc., had allowed fill on land over a spring, that is their responsibility. He asked for a statement of the responsibility in the Engineer's report to the City Council, saying whether or not Converse is responsible.

Councilman Beasley asked if the water flow had developed since the subdivision was put there or whether it was there before.

City Engineer Bishop said it was his opinion the spring had developed because of the subdivision being built. He considered it to be a ground storage matter. He believed the matter would need more study.

Councilman Jahn said if the water seeps there continually, the house would not be there for 20 years, and Converse must prove to the City that they did not fill over a spring.

City Engineer Bishop agreed with Councilman Jahn. He did not feel we had a responsibility there, because not being soil specialists we could not anticipate the direction of the underground flow.

City Engineer believed the soil engineers had taken surface tests and/or bored down perhaps 10' for tests. The spring has appeared in a controlled and compacted area.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Attorney to fix the responsibility for this problem, saying that in their report Converse had to certify that the natural soil on which the fill was placed was adequate to receive the fill.

Mayor Isen believed the City Attorney should assume them to be responsible in his report to the Council.

The City Attorney said he could make a report, but could not determine the responsibility. He believed the responsibility would be to the property owners. He felt his opinion would be of no value in a court of law.

Councilman Jahn said he disagreed with the City Attorney, as the report from Converse was made to the City on a fill which we required. If they certified to us about the fill, and their certification was not correct, he believed their responsibility to be to the City.

Mayor Isen believed the City Attorney should render an opinion.

Councilman Bradford pointed out to the Attorney that this slide has damaged City property.

Mayor Isen directed the City Engineer to answer the letter here and let them know the matter is being investigated.

Mr. Berwanger was present, and told the Council this would have to be corrected before the next rains come, saying the house the Johnson family lives in has already been damaged. The foundation is cracking and the floor in the house is buckling. He stated that he and Mr. Johnson would not be able to sell their houses now.

Mayor Isen told him the City is looking into this, and told the City Engineer that as Mr. Berwanger had been present during this discussion, it would not be necessary to write the letter to him.

The matter was held for the reports requested.

6. A letter from Mrs. Russell J. White, 2635 W. 175th St., dated April 29, 1958, defended the dairies in Torrance and took exception to the attempt to remove them.

Councilman Jahn moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen announced that he had just been notified that a candidate for the office of State Comptroller was in the audience, and as the Council would extend this same courtesy to any such candidate, he introduced to the audience Mr. Alan Cranston.

Mr. Cranston thanked the Mayor and the Council for the courtesy.

At 6:30 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 6:45 P. M.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. In a letter dated May 2, 1958, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for Council consideration and approval:

##### PERSONNEL:

That Battalion Chief Lucas be authorized to attend the Arson and Fire Investigation Seminar, conducted by the California State Department of Education, to be held at the University of California, Berkeley, California, June 16-20, 1958, with appropriate expenses paid.

##### APPROPRIATIONS:

For the purchase of one Service body for Pickup Truck from Jumbo Equipment Co. (being the lowest of three bids obtained) for the Engineering Dept. Survey Party, the sum of \$476.37 plus tax (a budget item).

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager under Personnel and Appropriations.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. With a memo dated May 2, 1958, the City Manager submitted

to the Council License Inspector Whitacre's report concerning refunds on license fees, and his recommendations that the four conditions for refunds, as provided in Section 16.46 of the Torrance City Code, remain as they are.

In his letter, Mr. Whitacre recommended that two requests for refunds, one from Bible Oasis, 3731 Newton St., and one from Verdes Cafe, 3870 Pacific Coast Highway, be denied because they do not meet the requirements of Section 16.46.

Mr. Whitacre submitted with his report a resume' of what twelve other cities do regarding refunds, showing that the majority of them do not allow refunds.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the License Inspector's recommendations.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY CLERK:

1. With a cover letter dated May 1, 1958, City Clerk Bartlett submitted to the Council a Tax Deed covering two parcels of tax-delinquent property, which has been received from H. L. Byram, County Tax Collector. Location sketches were attached. The City Clerk described the two parcels as follows:

##### Parcel 1:

Part of Lot 15 in Meadow Park Tract. Lot on NE line of Pacific Coast Highway per CSB 873-1 com NW 128.45 feet from west line of Hawthorne Ave. per CSB 1106 thence north 6.14 feet north 84° 30' west to said NE line thence south 64° 42' 54" east to beginning.

##### Parcel 2:

Lot 4, Block 4, Tract 3758:

The City Clerk said Acceptance of said TAX DEED by the City Clerk is approved by the City Attorney and the City Manager.

In response to a question, the City Attorney said if this is approved by the Council, the necessary Resolution will be prepared.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the City Manager and City Attorney and approve acceptance of the Tax Deed, with the necessary Resolution to be prepared.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. An April 25, 1958, letter from the Torrance National Little League, signed by Bernadine Hartley, President of the Women's Auxiliary, requested a free license to operate a concession stand on their baseball field at Jefferson and Oak.

A memorandum from License Inspector Whitacre was appended, and recommended this request be granted, subject to the necessary health permit being obtained.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. An April 30, 1958, letter from the City Engineer, signed by J. R. Patrick, assistant to the City Engineer, submitted three easements, as follows, with the necessary location sketches:

- a. Easement Deed dated April 23, 1958, from Arthur E. Bolton, needed for future 229th Place and given per agreement with Planning Commission in connection with lot split.

b. Easement Deed dated April 7, 1958, from Chester H. & Vera B. Stowell, needed for future 240th St. and granted in compliance with requirements of Planning Commission.

c. Easement Deed dated April 23, 1958, from Walter V. and Lisa F. Storm, and Harry & Berta L. Cohen, needed for the 2' widening of 227th St. and 27' for future 228th St. as required by Planning Commission in connection with division of lots.

Councilman Drale moved to accept these easements and that the necessary Resolutions be prepared.

The City Attorney reported that only a motion for acceptance is needed.

Councilman Drale withdrew the motion, and moved to accept the Easement Deeds.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

2. A cover letter dated May 1, 1958, from City Engineer Bishop, signed by his assistant, John Patrick, submitted the following petitions for 1919 Street Lighting Act Assessment District in the following areas:

- A. SOUTHWOOD HOMES: Bounded on the north by Torrance Blvd., on the south by Sepulveda Blvd., on the east by Ocean Ave., and on the west by the City of Torrance boundary line, containing 2,116 lots with signatures representing 1,574 lots, or 74.38%.
- B. SEPULVEDA GARDENS - PORTION OF TRACT 17965: Bounded on the north by the northerly lot line of Lots 68 through 81 inclusive, on the east by the easterly line of Lots 119 through 124 inclusive, on the south by the southerly boundary of Tract 17965, and on the west by the westerly boundary of said tract, containing 93 lots with signatures representing 72 lots, or 77.41%.
- C. MADRONA SQUARE - TRACT 18747: Bounded on the west by Madrona Ave., on the south by Carson St., and on the east by Maple Ave., containing 157 lots with signatures representing 109 lots, or 69.4%.
- D. SOUTHWEST PARK - PORTION OF TRACT 21725: Located on either side of Towers St. from Ronald Ave. to Sturgess Drive, containing 39 lots with 33 signatures, or 84.61%.

City Engineer Bishop presented the petitions to the Council.

Councilman Jahn moved these areas be incorporated into the Lighting District as formed by Resolution No. 3407.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated May 1, 1958, Planning Director Powell submitted to the Council for consideration the following Waivers, which have been recommended by the Planning Commission for approval:

- a. Wm. B. Breaker, 821 Teri Ave., application for waiver on rear yard requirements, per plot plan submitted.
- b. Fred J. and Winnifred Fadell, 16638 Arlington - requesting waiver of rear yard requirements, per plot plan submitted.
- c. Lloyd Fossen, 17914 Casimir Ave., requesting waiver of rear yard to 6' at point of garage only, per plot plan submitted.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission on these Waivers, a, b, and c.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. In a letter dated May 1, 1958, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, advised the Council that the Airport Commission had voted to return to a schedule of holding only 1 meeting each month, on the 4th Thursday of the month. Mr. Abrams stated that if the Council objected to this, the Commission would continue to meet twice a month. The letter contained the recommendation that if this change of schedule is approved by the Council, it should be publicized. Councilman Drale moved this letter be filed as a matter of record.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. A letter dated April 30, 1958, from the Park & Recreation Commission, signed by Robert S. Cramer, Chairman, submitted their recommendation that the Council grant the request of the McMaster Park Mothers' Club that the obsolete fire truck at the North Torrance Fire Station be used for play equipment on the park.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Manager if the truck would be used again.

City Manager Stevens said he did not know and thought a report from the Fire Chief should be received on this.

Councilman Benstead moved to ask for such a report to be rendered at the next Council meeting and this be held for the report.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

A lady in the audience said they had seen the truck and knew it had been stripped and that it is obsolete.

Mayor Isen said the Council would act when they receive the report from Fire Chief Benner.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. An April 10, 1958, letter from the City Attorney, with reference to the Duschak Helicopter Operations, was resubmitted. The City Attorney gave the following conclusions:

- a. There is no substantial evidence to indicate that Mr. Duschak has violated his agreement with the City;
- b. There is no evidence of any deliberate buzzing of cars on Western Avenue by helicopter pilots;
- c. A nuisance complaint could be instituted against Mr. Duschak; however, the Council ought to determine whether or not such a complaint should issue, because it may drive Mr. Duschak from the City;
- d. Mr. Duschak may be in violation of the zoning ordinances of the City. I recommend that the Planning Commission be instructed to proceed under Section 20 of the Land Use Ordinance to conduct hearings on a Use Permit for Mr. Duschak's operation;
- e. The only permanent solution is to locate Mr. Duschak elsewhere, preferable in the City but away from residences. I recommend that the City Manager be instructed to negotiate with Mr. Duschak to determine whether or not he ought to be given a lease on the Airport and, if so, under what terms and report to the Airport Commission thereon for its recommendations.

Councilman Drale asked if Mr. Duschak had approached the Airport Commission for a lease.

The City Manager did not believe any such approach had been made during recent months.

Councilman Benstead asked if the City Manager knew of Mr. Duschak making any effort at all to locate on the Airport.

The City Manager had no memory of such an attempt in recent months. Councilman Blount thought Mr. Duschak had made verbal agreements not contained in his agreement with the City, as he had agreed verbally to approach the Commission and evidently has not done so.

Councilman Benstead agreed, saying there are some ladies here who would like to be heard on this matter.

Councilman Jahn referred to Page 2, Item 3 of the Agreement with Mr. Duschak, and said he could not be sure a Use Permit is needed. He felt it might be wise to start proceedings legally under the City's ordinances, as he felt Mr. Duschak had shown no intent to comply. He felt if we followed through with legal action, it might convince Mr. Duschak that he should move to an area where such an industry as he has would normally belong.

Councilman Jahn moved the Council direct the Planning Commission to proceed as recommended by the City Attorney.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mrs. Wilson, a representative of the neighbors of the Duschak plant, said Mr. Duschak had agreed when they met to try to move away from his present location. She stated that the helicopters endanger the lives of children on the Little League ball park nearby. She stated the plant is a nuisance to the nearby residents.

Councilman Beasley asked Planning Director Powell how many complaints he has had about this, and how many investigations his department has made on it.

Mr. Powell replied that he did not know the exact number of complaints and investigations on this, but that it had been quite a few; however, he added, there had been no complaints to his office since the meeting with a Committee of the Council.

Councilman Drale suggested we take the City Attorney's recommendation #4 and that Mr. Stevens negotiate to see if he could persuade Mr. Duschak to move to the Airport.

Councilman Jahn so amended his motion, and Councilman Beasley accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

Councilman Benstead asked when this will go before the Planning Commission.

Mr. Powell said it would have to be advertised, and the date of June 4 would probably be the first hearing.

Motion as amended carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2; The City Attorney submitted without recommendation a letter addressed to him and signed by Jeff W. Bell, 3719 W. 180th St., dated April 27, 1958, asking for permission to paint signs on the existing fences of a Babe Ruth ball park at the Guenser Park site. The letter also requested permission to operate a small public address system in connection with the ball games.

Councilman Drale moved these requests be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3464

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY REFRAIN FROM INCREASING TAXES AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO REFRAIN FROM INCREASING ASSESSED VALUE OF LAND IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen said that last Thursday at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of California Cities, he had introduced a similar Resolution which was unanimously adopted by the representatives of 62 cities.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3464.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen said copies should go to each individual member of the Board of Supervisors and to the Secretary to the Board, and any such communication should be transmitted to them in that manner.

The City Clerk said this would be done.

2. An April 30, 1958, letter from Sears, Roebuck and Co., 2650 E. Olympic Blvd., signed by D. D. Hurford, Chairman on Proclamations, Senior Citizens Week, asked that the City adopt a Resolution proclaiming the week of May 18-24, 1958, as Senior Citizens Week.

A memo from the City Attorney was appended, stating he had prepared such a Resolution and was submitting it with this letter for Council consideration.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3465

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 18-24,  
1958, AS SENIOR CITIZENS WEEK.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3465.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated May 1, 1958, the City Attorney resubmitted the 'Rabies Ordinance', with changes from the present rabies ordinance, No. 776, underlined in red.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 982

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 4 OF "THE  
CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR  
THE VACCINATION WITH RABIES VACCINE OF ALL DOGS  
KEPT OR HARBORED OR BROUGHT WITHIN THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AND SUBSTITUTING NEW  
PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for approval of Ordinance No. 982 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. With an April 18, 1958, cover letter which was being re-submitted, the City Attorney submitted Ordinances amending the Land Use Ordinance. These had been tabled by the Council for further study at the meeting of April 22, 1958. These proposed Ordinances were as follows:

- a. An Ordinance setting forth the general provisions of the Official Land Use Plan.
- b. An Ordinance repealing Section 11 of Appendix I of "The Code" entitled "M-1 Light Manufacturing" and substituting therefor sections entitled "M-1 Light Manufacturing" and "M-1R Light Manufacturing-Residential".
- c. An Ordinance repealing Section 17 of Appendix I of "The Code" and substituting therefor a new Section 17 entitled "Nonconforming Uses" establishing termination periods for nonconforming uses and procedures in connection therewith.
- d. An ordinance repealing Section 18 of Appendix I of "The Code" entitled "Variances" and substituting a new Section therefor relating to the same matter.

Councilman Beasley moved to take these proposed Ordinances from the table.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

The City Attorney said if the Council approved these Ordinances in substance he would like to have them referred back to him to be put into better form.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the Ordinances and refer them to the City Attorney.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Isen asked the Attorney if this work could be done by next week or if more time would be needed.

The City Attorney said he believed he could have them here by next week's meeting.

There were no objections to the motion, and it was so ordered.

3. With a cover letter dated May 2, 1958, the City Attorney submitted to the Council for first reading an ordinance amending the oil well drilling map. This was done as he was directed at the Council meeting of April 9, 1958.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 987

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE OIL WELL DRILLING MAP OF THE CITY SO AS TO PROHIBIT OIL WELL DRILLING WITHIN THREE HUNDRED FEET FROM THE CENTER LINE OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD BETWEEN DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND 230TH STREET.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 987 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. A May 2, 1958, letter from Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg., read as follows:

"The following are the bids as submitted for the City Yard Buildings, received by the City Clerk on or before 5:00 P. M., Tuesday, April 8, 1958:

"Alternate A was for the building with all exterior walls except at doorways covered with 24 gauge standard corrugated galvanized iron.

"Alternate B was the same building with the west wall facing Madrona to be of concrete block in place of metal extending to the roof.

"Alternate C was the same building with the west wall facing Madrona and the south wall facing the new lumber yard, but visible from Madrona to be concrete block extending to the roof.

"All bidders have supplied sufficient information to indicate the building will be built according to the "NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS".

	<u>ALT. "A"</u>	<u>ALT. "B"</u>	<u>ALT. "C"</u>
Empire Steel Co.	\$61,000	\$64,900	\$68,900
Pascoe Steel Corp.	62,434	65,018	67,741
Coast Iron & Steel Co.	65,367	68,318	70,394
Apex Steel Corp.	67,799	70,024	72,541
Butler Mfg. Co.	69,153	71,588	74,464
Pacific Iron & Steel Corp.	70,900	74,100	77,500
Columbia Struct. Steel Co.	69,678	74,900	78,250
Lessley, Inc.	85,900	88,200	90,500
East-West Const. Co.	91,000	95,000	99,000

"As indicated in the chart above Empire Steel Building Co. was low bidder on Alternate "A" and Alternate "B"; Pascoe Steel Corp. was low bidder for Alternate "C".

"Empire Steel Buildings Co. submitted along with their bid an additional proposal to substitute at no extra cost a deep drawn corrugation in lieu of standard corrugated iron, however this would not comply with the conditions of the City's Specifications.

"Pascoe Steel Corp. submitted an alternate proposal with their bid suggesting substituting built up girders in lieu of structural section specified in the City's Specifications, however, this substitute would not comply with the original bid specifications and that now all bidders submitted such an alternate, I am not including such bid in this report.

"I recommend that if Alternate "A" or "B" are to be accepted, Empire Steel Buildings be given the contract; but if Alternate "C" is desired, Pascoe Steel Corp. be awarded the contract."

A memo from the City Manager was appended, stating he concurred with Mr. Schlens's recommendation.

After a short discussion with the Council, the City Manager was asked which of these alternates would be the best for the City.

The City Manager explained that all the buildings are pre-fab steel buildings, but in deference to the neighbors it would be well to have the walls along the street be of masonry construction. He recommended Alternate "C".

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager and accept the bid of Pascoe Steel Corp., \$67,741 for Alternate "C" and that all other bids be rejected.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A representative of Empire Steel Co. protested that these walls would not absorb all noise.

No one else wished to be heard.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The City Manager presented a map of the Airport, and said in the development of the industrial land at the north side, we had always planned to have an entry way to the Airport from the north. At the present time, Ryan Aircraft is negotiating for more land adjacent to their plant north of the Airport, and have asked to have some assurance that there will be a runway which they can use to taxi to the Airport. They would like to have written assurance that such access will be available.

The City Manager recommended we follow a plan of having a 150' strip there for access, so Ryan and other people in that area can have access to the Airport. He recommended the 150' strip immediately west of the Mayflower Lease #2 be used for this purpose.

Councilman Drale moved to concur, but wanted it clearly understood that this access is not just for Ryan.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn believed the Airport Manager wanted to have a rental fee from the users of this runway.

The City Manager thought users should pay for the use of the runway, but said this action tonight is only being requested for the purpose of reserving the space for such a runway.

Councilman Jahn felt this meant we were making a written agreement under which they might think they are getting this privilege free of charge; he said Ryan and perhaps others will be named in the agreement, and he did not want to imply in any way this would be free.

Mayor Isen asked why Councilman Drale did not include in the motion the statement that the City reserved the right to charge for use of the easement.

The City Manager said this would be owned by the City for public use, and the City would reserve the right to work out charges for such use. He said this was just to let them know the runway will be there.

Councilman Drale accepted the amendment proposed by Mayor Isen, and the amendment was accepted in the second to the motion by Councilman Benstead.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Attorney presented copies of a Resolution which he had prepared at the request of Councilman Benstead.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3466

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE REQUESTING ALL PUBLIC BODIES TO PRO-  
VIDE IN THEIR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS THAT ONLY  
DOMESTIC MATERIALS BE USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION  
OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3466.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 7:10 P. M., Councilman Blount left the meeting.

Councilman Bradford commented that the paving at Gramercy, where it runs into Van Ness, needs attention. He noted also that there are poles there for fencing, and there is no fence. He asked if this fence was the city's responsibility or that of the County, saying

there is a hazard there.

The City Manager explained that we had installed a fence there, but during the heavy rains the debris had accumulated there and the fence had been destroyed. He said we plan to replace the fence.

Mayor Isen suggested this be given an urgent priority.

Councilman Drale said he would like to have something done about the center of Sartori from Torrance Boulevard to Crenshaw. He said the right of way of the Pacific Electric needs cleaning.

Councilman Benstead agreed, and said a 4-way stop there is needed, as that is a dangerous intersection.

Councilman Drale said he would make that recommendation to the Traffic Commission, because it is a serious problem. He suggested that the Traffic Commission make a study of that and that further effort be made to have the Pacific Electric clean their right-of-way there, and he so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

Councilman Jahn referred to a question he had asked some time ago about the weeds on vacant lots and along the street easements, and to the fact that the City Attorney had told him we had the authority to ask the owners of such lots to clean them up. He asked if we have such an Ordinance, and who is responsible for destroying the weeds.

The City Attorney said Fire Marshall Lucas has assumed that responsibility. Off-hand, he said he could not name the Ordinance we have on this, but he said we are allowed to assess the owners of property which we have to clean and put a lien on the property if necessary or file a complaint.

Councilman Jahn reported that in adjacent cities there are notices posted on lots advising the owners to destroy weeds. He thought we should have a similar program. He felt in many instances the weeds are a disgrace to the City. If more personnel is needed to do this work, he thought we should get it; if the Fire Department can assign some of their men to the job, he thought they should do so.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager what would be necessary.

The City Attorney said he would ask Fire Marshall Lucas for a report to the Council at their next meeting on what would be needed.

Councilman Jahn said he wants this work done, and now.

Councilman Beasley agreed with Councilman Jahn on the necessity for this.

Councilman Jahn asked if the Council could expect action on this.

The City Manager said if we had an ordinance which would allow this, the City would get to work on it at once. He explained that most of the signs mentioned in neighboring cities are set up under State law, under which you set this up about a year in advance. He said there is a request in the Budget for the next fiscal year to set up a crew for this. He outlined the usual procedure on this.

Councilman Jahn hoped this could be accomplished very soon.

Councilman Beasley thought there was an ordinance under preparation in the Planning Department.

The City Attorney said he would look into it.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to ascertain whether any of the property under discussion is owned by the schools or the freeways.

Councilman Drale felt the parkways etc. to be the City's responsibility. He thought if the Budget would allow it we should hire high school youngsters to clean these up.

Councilman Jahn did not agree with that, saying the unemployment problem at present is such that adults need this work and should get it. He pointed out that the lots are privately owned and are the problem of the owners.

Planning Director Powell reported he had written a letter to the heads of the City Departments setting out a procedure for next year on this. The plan covers both privately owned and public property.

A lady in the audience asked who would pay for clearing the lots owned by private parties, and the Mayor explained the procedure to her. Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to make a full report on this to the Council.

Councilman Jahn asked if the Councilmen are supposed to be in San Diego for a conference on June 6.

The City Manager said he would have his office make the reservations for any Councilmen who wish to attend the study courses being prepared there for Councilmen.

Councilman Jahn said he wished to attend.

Mayor Isen told the City Manager that probably by next week the Councilmen would indicate how many wish to go to this conference. He asked this be placed on the Agenda for information only next week.

Mayor Isen asked the Planning Director if the Council's request for inspection of the sumps in the City had been completed.

Mr. Powell replied that the City Engineer had prepared a report to the effect that each sump fence had been inspected, repaired where necessary, and that all such fences are now safe.

Mayor Isen referred to a request the City Attorney had made some months ago for a full-time assistant to act as an assistant to the City Attorney and as City Prosecutor.

The City Attorney said he is now preparing his Budget, which is due by May 15th, and will request that such a person be employed.

Mayor Isen said a job description should be prepared. He moved to concur with the City Attorney's request that the City Council approve such a recommendation, and to direct the City Attorney and City Manager to direct the Civil Service Board to prepare a job description on this.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Isen said that within two years we would be having another election, and the Assistant City Attorney should begin at once to learn the election laws.

The City Attorney, Mr. Remelmeyer, requested that the Council not delegate any duties to the Assistant directly, except for the duties of City Prosecutor. He explained that as the City Attorney he would be responsible for the Assistant, and he would prefer to handle this. He reported that he is now learning the election laws.

Mayor Isen agreed with the City Attorney on this.

Mayor Isen said again that he wanted an answer as to where the responsibility for election lies. He stated he wants to go ahead with this so that the present situation does not arise again.

Mayor Isen said he had received many calls from people who oppose the regulation of cats within the city, or the licensing of them. He said he had voted to have an ordinance prepared on this, but he would like to hear from the people of the City so that he would know what they want done.

Mayor Isen spoke to the City Attorney about the length of the terms of the members of the Civil Service Board; he did not know whether the Council would agree with him, but he said the 6-year term of those people was set up in the 1930's. He asked the City Attorney for an opinion as to whether the Ordinance can be amended to set the terms of the people serving on that Board at 4 years.

Mayor Isen referred to the Planning Commission and its membership of nine, saying for a long time he had thought the Commission was top-heavy, as that is such a large group. He asked the City Attorney if the membership of that Commission could be reduced by Ordinance

to 7 members instead of 9, and when that could become effective, and whether this would affect the terms of office of the members of the Commission.

He requested that the City Attorney prepare a written opinion on this for Council study.

Councilman Jahn moved that in the future there be no pre-Council meetings before the 5:30 P. M. meetings of the Council.

Mayor Isen pointed out that sometimes there are urgent matters to be considered.

The motion lost for lack of a second.

Mr. Stanley H. Voges of Inglewood Farms, Inc., 3400 Del Amo, read to the Council a letter protesting against the requests to remove dairies from the City. The letter was dated May 6, and he filed it with the City Clerk. A request that public hearings be held on the question was embodied in the letter.

Mayor Isen said there would be public hearings, and that there had never been any other intent.

City Manager Stevens said additional data on our rubbish collection is now available, and that he would like to set up another meeting with the Council on this.

After a short discussion, it was agreed that this meeting would be held Tuesday, May 13, 1958, at 7:00 P. M.

Councilman Benstead moved that all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P. M.

  
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance,  
 California

APPROVED:

  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance